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Book Title: _____

Wondering Question

Begin with a plot summary: (summarize what has happened in your book since the last time you wrote in your journal) and include who, what, where, and when:

While I was reading, I was wondering or I was puzzled by _____
_____?

The reason I wondered about this or was puzzled by this was _____

A possible answer is: _____

Here is evidence from the book to show why this might be the answer:

**Make sure you give specific examples from the books to prove your points.*

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Compare Book to Life

Begin with a plot summary: (summarize what has happened in your book since the last time you wrote in your journal):

While I was reading, the character,_____ (*name*), the setting, or the conflict (*circle one of the three*) reminded me of my own life. Here is how the (character, setting, or conflict) was presented in the book:_____

This reminds me of my own life because_____

****Make sure you give specific examples from the book to prove your points.***

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Compare Book to Book

Begin with a plot summary: (summarize what has happened in your book since the last time you wrote in your journal):

My book, _____ (title), reminds me of
another book I read, _____ (title). The
character, setting, conflict or author's writing style (*choose one and circle*) reminds me
of* _____

The reason why they are similar is _____

****Make sure you give specific examples from the book to prove your points.***

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Big Question

Begin with a plot summary: (summarize what has happened in your book since the last time you wrote in your journal) and include the theme or author's message:

As I was reading and thinking about the theme or author's message, I thought of a question that relates to the world (and not just to my book) came to mind. This question is_____

The reason I ask this question is (*give evidence from the text*)_____

****Make sure you give specific examples from the book to prove your points.***

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Conflict

Begin with a plot summary: (summarize what has happened in your book since the last time you wrote in your journal):

Here is a conflict I noticed while I was reading:_____

versus_____. Here are some of the actions that took place which show me that this is a conflict:_____

****Make sure you give specific examples from the book to prove your points.***

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Theme

Begin with a plot summary: (summarize what has happened in your book since the last time you wrote in your journal):

While I was reading, I noticed that there is a topic that was present throughout the novel.

If I could sum it up in one word, the theme would be_____.

This is the theme because, throughout the novel, I noticed_____

****Make sure you give specific examples from the book to prove your points.***

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Author's Message

Begin with a plot summary: (summarize what has happened in your book since the last time you wrote in your journal):

As I was reading, I noticed something that the author was trying to teach me about myself or the world. The author's message or lesson, is_____

I know this is the lesson because_____

This relates to me or to the world because_____

****Make sure you give specific examples from the book to prove your points.***

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Culture

Begin with a plot summary: (summarize what has happened in your book since the last time you wrote in your journal):

Culture is defined by the attitudes, beliefs, behaviors, and customs of a group of people.

In my book, I noticed something about the culture of the people in the book. I

noticed_____

This is similar or different (circle one) from my culture because_____

My attitude toward the cultural elements presented in my book is_____

and the reason is_____

****Make sure you give specific examples from the book to prove your points.***

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Characterization

Begin with a plot summary: (summarize what has happened in your book since the last time you wrote in your journal):

As I was reading, I learned something about a character. I learned that the character is

_____. I know this because the character _____

The author develops this character through dialogue, character thoughts, character

actions, or direct description (*circle which term applies*). Here is an example of

something the author did to show me what this character is like: _____

The author's choices helped me understand this character because _____

****Make sure you give specific examples from the book to prove your points.***

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Critical Stance: Author's Style

Begin with a plot summary: (summarize what has happened in your book since the last time you wrote in your journal):

As I was reading, I noticed something interesting about the author's writing style. The author used the following technique (*some possible choices are similes, metaphors, colloquial phrases, symbolism, foreshadowing, or irony*) _____

_____. Here is an example of this technique: _____

The reason this is effective or ineffective (circle one) is: _____

****Make sure you give specific examples from the book to prove your points.***

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Critical Stance – Analyze and Judge the Text Structure

Begin with a plot summary: (summarize what has happened in your book since the last time you wrote in your journal):

Something that confused me about the writing is _____

The author could have fixed this problem by _____

My favorite part of the novel's structure was _____

because _____

If I could ask the author a question about the structure of this book, I would ask _____

_____? The reason I ask is _____

****Make sure you give specific examples from the book to prove your points.***

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Critical Stance – Judge the Value of the Novel

Begin with a plot summary: (summarize what has happened in your book since the last time you wrote in your journal):

The author's message was _____

I know this is the message because _____

This message was valuable or not valuable (*circle one*) to me or to the world because____

****Make sure you give specific examples from the book to prove your points.***

